

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 3129 VICE 3429)

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TAGS: PINS, PGOV, NU  
SUBJECT: POPE CALLS FOR CHURCH-STATE DIALOG

1. THE 10 JULY NOVEDADES CARRIED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "IT IS  
NECESSARY TO DIALOG WITH THE AUTHORITIES, SAYS  
PAUL VI TO NICARAGUAN BISHOPS." NOVEDADES LIMITED ITS EDITORIAL  
COMMENT T STATING THAT, "BECAUSE OF ITS EMINENTLY CONCILIATORY  
CONTENT", THE PAPER REPRODUCED THE TEXT OF THE PAPAL STATEMENT.

2. THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE POPE'S MESSAGE  
WERE HIS REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR A CHURCH-STATE DIALOG WHICH  
WILL PERMIT THE CHURCH TO PLAY A GUIDING ROLE IN RESOLVING  
NICARAGUA'S CURRENT TROUBLES, AND HIS CALL TO NICARAGUAN BISHOPS TO  
MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PAPAL NUNCIO AND TO COORDINATE  
THEIR EFFORTS WITH HIM.

3. RELEVANT PARTS OF THE TEXT ARE TRANSLATED BELOW. "WE HAVE  
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NOT FORGOTTEN, IN EFFECT, THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS WHICH THREATEN  
THE CHURCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN YOUR COUNTRY. THIS REQUIRES  
A VIGILANT ATTENTION ON YOUR PART TO BE ABLE ALWAYS TO GIVE AN  
OPPORTUNE ECCLESIASTICAL WORD WHICH PRUDENTLY GUIDES YOUR FAITH-  
FUL ALONG THE JUST PATH AND AVOIDS LESS CONSTRUCTIVE STANCES  
REGARDING ECCLESIASTICAL AND SOCIAL MATTERS. TO BETTER OBTAIN THESE  
OBJECTIVES, IT WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE (TO DEVELOP) A

CORDIAL UNITY AND COHESION OF EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE SEE  
IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PONTIFICAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHOSE  
GENUINE SPIRIT OF CHURCH SERVICE WE HOPE WILL FIND AMPLE OUTLET  
IN YOUR COUNTRY."

4."ALL THIS WILL FAVOR YOU ALSO IN THE HOUR OF INITIATING AN  
OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOG WITH THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES WITHIN  
(A FRAMEWORK) OF RESPECT FOR MUTUAL RIGHTS AND COMPETENCE,  
FAITHFUL TO BE IMMUTABLE DEMANDS OF THE PASTORAL MISSIONARY AND  
WITH THE DESIRE FOR THE NATION TO AVOID MORE PAINFUL AND DIFFICULT  
MOMENTS. ...WE ALSO EXHORT YOU TO REDOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS, AND THOSE  
OF YOUR COLLABORATORS, TO BE AWARE OF THE EXPECTATIONS OF YOUR  
FAITHFUL WHO DESIRE ABOVE ALL THAT WHICH ONLY THE CHURCH CAN  
GIVE THEM: THE INTERNAL STRENGTH TO LIVE AN AUTHENTICALLY  
CHRISTIAN LIFE, WHICH DOES NOT REJECT THE PRESENT REALITIES,  
BUT WHICH ALWAYS REMAINS OPEN TO THE SUPERNATURAL AND IN COM-  
PLETE FULFILLMENT WITH THE HEREAFTER."

5. COMMENT: THIS SPEECH WAS DELIVERED ON 8 MAY DURING THE COURSE OF T  
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AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM VISIT TO ROME OF THE NICARAGUAN BISHOPS.  
THE SPEECH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN RELEASED HERE BY THE CHURCH,  
POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE STRONG CALL FOR DIALOG WHICH IS ANATHEMA  
TO VIRTUALLY ALL OPPOSITIONISTS AT THE MOMENT. NOVEDADES PICKED UP  
THE SPEDCH FROM THE L'SOSSERVATORE ROMANO, SPANISH EDITION.  
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THE CALL FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN CHURCH  
AND THE PAPAL NUNCIO PRESUMABLY RESULTS FROM THE FACT THE ARCHBISHOP  
HAS THE IMAGE OF BEING LIBERAL AND ANTI-SOMOZA WHEREAS THE NUNCIO  
HAS A REPUTATION AS CONSERVATIVE AND ANTI-COMMUNIST WHICH TRANSLATES  
IN SOME MINDS INTO PRO-SOMOZA. EMB READS THIS MESSAGE PARTLY AS  
URGING THE BISHOPS TO LISTEN MORE TO THE NUNCIO.  
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